

the following Monday, September 2, 2002, is a Federal Holiday within the District of Columbia, this response filed Tuesday, September 3, 2002 is timely.

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 8 and 51.

Please also cancel the second occurrence of claim 23 (claim 23b as identified by the Examiner) and replace with new claim 60 as follows:

57 Claim 60. The cleansing composition of claim 9 wherein the at least two liquid esters comprise a mixture of, based upon the total weight percent of the esters,:

- a) from about 30 percent to about 80 percent of branched or straight-chained C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl acid esters of branched or unsaturated C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl alcohols;
- b) from about 10 percent to about 50 percent of branched C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl alcohol esters of an aromatic acid; and
- c) from about 10 percent to about 50 percent of straight-chained or branched C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl acid esters of optionally ethoxylated/propoxylated polyols.

Please amend claims 1-2, ~~5-7, 9-24, 37, 42,~~ and 52-59 as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended). A cleansing composition comprising

- a. a liquid silicone;
- b. at least two water dispersible components selected from water dispersible components that when combined with at least a weight equivalent of water produces (i) a uniform clear mixture or (ii) uniform hazy mixture; and

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c. at least two liquid esters selected from the group consisting of (i) liquid esters that possess a structural means for ensuring the liquidity of the ester; and (ii) heterogeneous esters.

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Claim 2 (Amended). The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition is comprised of, based upon the total weight of the composition,

- a. from about 10 percent to about 35 percent of the liquid silicone;
- b. from about 10 percent to about 35 percent of the at least two water dispersible components; and
- c. from about 55 percent to about 65 percent of the at least two liquid esters.

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Claim 5 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 1 wherein the at least two water dispersible components are selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol 400, hexylene glycol, propylene glycol, polypropylene glycol-10 methylglucose ether, ethoxydiglycol, polyethylene glycol-6 caprylic/capric glycerides, ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, triisopropyl citrate, polyethylene glycol-8 caprylic/capric glycerides, 3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-butanol, dimethyl isosorbide, and polyethylene-6 caprylic/capric triglyceride.

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Claim 6 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 5 wherein the at least two water dispersible components are selected from the group consisting of hexylene glycol, dimethyl isosorbide, and polyethylene glycol-6 caprylic/capric glyceride.

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Claim 7 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 1 wherein the at least two water dispersible components are comprised of, based upon the total weight percent of the cleaning composition,

- a) from about 5 percent to about 15 percent of hexylene glycol;
- b) from about 5 percent to about 10 percent of polyethylene-6 caprylic/capric triglyceride.

7 Claim 9 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 1 wherein the at least two liquid esters are selected from the group consisting of

- a) a branched C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl alcohol ester of an aromatic acid;
- b) a straight-chained or branched C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl acid esters of optionally ethoxylated/propoxylated polyols having from about 3 carbon atoms to about 7 carbon atoms;
- c) branched C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl alcohol esters of branched polyacids;
- d) branched or straight-chained C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl acid esters of branched and/or unsaturated C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl alcohols;
- e) branched or unsaturated C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl alcohol esters of an acid selected from the group consisting of adipic acid, succinic acid, sebacic acid, maleic acid, and mixtures thereof
- f) polyether interrupted fatty acid esters; and
- g) benzoic acid ester of heterogeneous alcohols having from about 8 carbon atoms to about 22 carbon atoms.

8 Claim 10 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 7 wherein the at least two liquid esters are selected from the group consisting of straight-chained or branched C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl acid esters of optionally ethoxylated/propoxylated polyols; and benzoic acid esters of heterogeneous alcohols.

9 Claim 11 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 7 wherein the at least two liquid esters are selected from the group consisting of butyloctyl salicylate; hexyldecyl benzoate; butyloctyl benzoate; and alkyl benzoates having from about 12 carbon atoms to about 15 carbon atoms.

10 Claim 12 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 11 wherein the at least two liquid esters are selected from the group consisting of hexyldecyl benzoate and butyloctyl benzoate.

11 Claim 13 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 9 wherein the at least two liquid esters are selected from the group consisting of pentaerythritol tetraoctanoate; trimethylolpropane trioctanoate; trioctanoin; pentaerythrityl tetrapelargonate; sorbitan trioleate; caprylic/capric triglyceride; and neopentyl alcohol tetraoctanoate.

12 Claim 14 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 13 wherein the at least two liquid esters are selected from the group consisting of caprylic/capric triglyceride; pentaerythritol tetraoctanoate; trimethylolpropane trioctanoate; and pentaerythrityl tetrapelargonate.

13 Claim 15 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 9 wherein the at least two liquid esters comprise a branched alkyl alcohol esters of branched polyacids, wherein the alkyl alcohol is optionally substituted and contains from about 3 carbon atoms to about 22 carbon atoms.

Q4 14 Claim 16 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 15 wherein the at least two liquid esters comprise trioctyldodecyl citrate.

15 Claim 17 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 9 wherein the at least two liquid esters are selected from the group consisting of tridecyl neopentanoate, isostearyl palmitate, cetyl ricinoleate, cetyl octanoate, isononyl isononanoate, butyl stearate, octyldodecyl soyate, tridecyl erucate, and octyldodecyl erucate/eicosil erucate.

14 Claim 18 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 17 wherein the at least two liquid esters are selected from the group consisting of cetyl octanoate, isostearyl palmitate, and isononyl isononanoate.

17 Claim 19 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 9 wherein the at least two liquid esters are selected from the group consisting of diisopropyl adipate, dioctyl sebacate, dioctyl succinate, dioctyl maleate, diisostearyl adipate, and diethyl sebacate.

18 Claim 20 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 19 wherein the at least two liquid esters are selected from the group consisting of diethyl sebacate, dioctyl sebacate, diisostearyl adipate, and mixtures thereof.

19 ~~19~~ 21 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 9 wherein the at least two liquid esters are selected from the group consisting of laureth-2 benzoate; and C₈ to C₂₂ fatty alkyl (optionally polypropylenoxy) polyethyleneoxy carboxylate esters derived from an alcohol having from about 1 carbon atom to about 22 carbon atoms.

20 ~~20~~ 22 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 9 wherein the at least two liquid esters comprise isopropyl propylene glycol-2-isodeceth-7 carboxylate.

21 ~~21~~ 23 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 9 wherein the at least two liquid esters are selected from the following esters:

- a) branched C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl alcohol esters of an aromatic acid;
- b) branched or straight-chained C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl acid esters of branched or unsaturated C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl alcohols; and
- c) straight-chained or branched C₅ to C₂₂ alkyl acid esters of optionally ethoxylated/propoxylated polyols.

22 ~~22~~ 24 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 9 wherein the at least two liquid esters comprise, based upon the total weight percent of the ester,:

- a) from about 15 percent to about 50 percent isononyl isononanoate;
- b) from about 15 percent to about 50 percent isostearyl palmitate;
- c) from about 15 percent to about 50 percent cetyl octanoate; and
- d) from about 15 percent to about 50 percent pentaerythritol tetraoctanoate.

23 ~~23~~ 37 (Amended). The system of claim 34 wherein the benefit agent is present in an amount, based upon the total weight of the system, from about 0.001 percent to about 5.0 percent.

24 ~~24~~ 42 (Amended). The method of claim 41 wherein the hair growth inhibiting agent is selected from the group consisting of serine proteases, retinol, isotretinoin, betamethoisone, alpha-tocophenol and derivatives thereof, and mixtures thereof.

49 52 (Amended). The cleansing system of claim 25²³ wherein the cleansing system is in the form of a gel, a bath, a wash, a mousse, a shampoo, a rinse, a lotion, a cream, a spray, or applied onto a delivery implement selected from a wipe, a brush, or a sponge.

50 53 (Amended). A method for removing make-up from the skin comprising applying the cleansing system of claim 25²³ to a desired location.

51 54 (Amended). The cleansing system of claim 25²³ in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion.

52 55 (Amended). A method of cleansing hair, skin or nails comprised of applying the composition of claim 1 to a desired location.

53 56 (Amended). A method of cleansing hair, skin, or nails comprised of applying the system of claim 25²³ to a desired location.

54 57 (Amended). The cleansing composition of claim 25²³ wherein the at least two water dispersible components comprise, based upon the total weight percent of the cleaning system,

- a) from about 0.1 percent to about 5 percent of hexylene glycol; and
- b) from about 0.5 percent to about 3.0 percent of polyoxyethylene-6 caprylic/capric triglyceride.

55 58 (Amended). A cleaning composition ~~comprised of~~ comprising

- a) a cyclomethicone liquid silicone;
- b) a water dispersible component comprising hexylene glycol and PEG-6 caprylic/capric triglycerides; and
- c) at least two esters selected from the group consisting of isononyl isononanoate, isostearyl palmitate, cetyl octanoate, pentaerythritol tetraoctanoate, and mixtures thereof.

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